

COUNCIL CHAMBERS--CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL--CITY OF LODI
Monday, December 7, 1936

The City Council of the City of Lodi met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock P.M. on Monday, December 7, 1936; Councilmen Clark, Graffigna, Spooner and Steele present, Councilman Weihe absent being confined to a local hospital.

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order and the Clerk read the minutes of the preceeding meeting held November 16, 1936. The minutes were approved as read and so indorsed by the Mayor.

Mr. John Udenstock addressed the City Council in regards to the accumulation of water in the gutters at Walnut Street and Lee Avenue. This matter was referred to the City Engineer with instructions to estimate the cost of repair and to formulate an application to the Works Progress Administration for the repairing of this gutter and also other gutters in the City where the same difficulty was being encountered.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Fred W. Lange, 139 South California Street, Stockton, California asking for an allotment of time at the City baseball grounds at Lawrence Park on alternate Sundays beginning February 13, 1937. Mr. Lange being present then addressed the Board regarding his proposal but owing to the absence of Councilman Weihe it was decided to hold the matter in abeyance until such time as he could be informed.

The monthly report of the Chief of Police for November and that of the City Poundmaster for the same period were received, read and ordered filed.

Dance Permit No. 12 was granted to Michel Berardengo on application, the same having been recommended by the Chief of Police.

Business License Applications No. 7892 to 7917 inclusive were allowed and licenses ordered issued.

The Clerk read a verified petition from the Veteran's Welfare Board praying for the abandonment of 1936-37 taxes against a Portion of Lots 16 and 17 in Block 1 of Hutchins Homestead Addition standing of record in the name of Albert J. and Bernice A. Randolph. On representation of the Clerk that these taxes should be paid by the veteran owning an equity in the property, the petition was ordered laid over until the next meeting.

The contract with the Great Western Electro-Chemical Company for the supplying of liquid chlorine for use at the Sewage Disposal Plant being about to expire, a renewal of the contract for a period of one year beginning January 1, 1937 was authorized on motion of Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman Spooner.

Twenty-two (22) building permits applications Nos. 1577 to and including 1598 for structures to cost \$18,300 were allowed and ordered granted on motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Spooner.

Acting City Engineer, C.O. Henning stated that Mr. Fred W. Post, Superintendent of the Sewage Disposal Plant, had asked him to procure new window shades for the dwelling house occupied by Mr. Post and owned by the City. On motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, Mr. Henning was instructed to purchase the necessary shades.

In the matter of Richard Dell McClure, an employee of the Electric Plant, injured October 12th, 1936, the Clerk read correspondence between himself and the Industrial Accident Commission seeking to obtain some award from the Commission to pay Mr. McClure's hospital bills, but it appearing that nothing could be done in the matter on account of the rules of the Commission the matter was ordered dropped.

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The Council entered into some discussion of the matter of opening Tokay Street westerly to Sacramento Street but owing to the many curves and the amount of land necessary to be taken, it was determined that no action could be taken at this time.

The Clerk read a letter from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works addressed to Mr. Glenn West in regard to the City's abandonment of the Loan and Grant Agreement with the Federal Government dated February 29, 1936. On motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, Resolution No. 872 was introduced and read at length by the Clerk and considered by the Council. On motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Graffigna Resolution No. 872 was then adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Spooner, Graffigna, Clark and Steele
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilman, Weihe

RESOLUTION NO. 872

WHEREAS, this City of Lodi is the recipient of a "Loan and Grant Offer" from the United States of America, (under PWA Docket No. 5731) the purpose of which is to aid said City in the construction of a Diesel hydro-electric generating plant on the Mokelumne River, and;

WHEREAS, this City Council of said city has formally determined that, owing to the unavoidable and prolonged litigation concerning this project and the bond issue, from which said electric generating plant was to be constructed with the assistance of the proposed PWA Grant, and the attendant rises in costs of labor and materials, the said plant cannot be constructed for a sum within the limits of the funds available from such bond issue, to-wit, cannot be constructed for the sum of \$466,000.00 in addition to the proposed United States Grant, in that the said costs of labor and materials have increased enormously during the pendency of such litigation; and,

WHEREAS, through proceedings had before this City Council, the said bond issue has been cancelled, the proposed power generating project abandoned, as impossible to construct under present conditions, and the project site has been sold by said city; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lodi does hereby surrender all its right and interest in and to the said Loan and Grant offer and requests that the same be terminated for the reasons herein stated; and does hereby request the Federal Public Works Administration to rescind any and all allotments, made by it, for said project, and specifically requests the United States of America to cancel the offer made by it to the City of Lodi under date of February 29th, 1936, and accepted by said City on April 9th, 1936.

RESOLVED, ALSO, that this City Council hereby expresses its appreciation, and the appreciation of the citizens of this City, to the United States Government, and particularly to the officers and personnel of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, for their efforts on behalf of this City with the sincere regrets that the object of the said Loan and Grant Offer could not be accomplished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. A. D. Wilder, State Director, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, at San Francisco, California

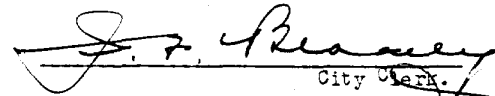
Claims Nos. 27805 to and including 27940 in the amount of \$15,491.93 as approved by the Finance Committee were allowed and ordered paid on motion of Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman Graffigna.

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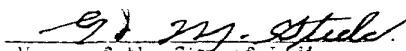
Mr. John A. Henning, Superintendent of Public Utilities, then addressed the City Council in regard to necessary additions to the water distribution system, stating that about \$8,500 should be expended at once in the installation of water mains on North Sacramento Street and on Vine Street as part of the program set up by the Board of Fire Underwriters. Mr. Henning also suggested that consideration should be given to the purchase of a gasoline or diesel unit connected to a generator of sufficient size to drive the City's pumps, and on motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilmen Graffigna, the acting city engineer was directed to cooperate with Mr. J. A. Henning in preparation of plans and specifications for necessary additions in improvements to the water system.

At 9:30 o'clock P.M. the Council retired into executive session at the order of the Mayor returning to open meeting at 10:18 o'clock P.M. when the Council adjourned on motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Spooner.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.

The foregoing minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi were read at a subsequent meeting of said Council held December 21, 1936 and approved without correction.


Mayor of the City of Lodi